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PRACTICING FIRESAFETY AROUND HOME HEATING SOURCES

Most heating equipment fires could be prevented with proper understanding and use of heating sources.

- Space heaters need space. Make sure there is at least 36 inches between the heater and things that burn – paper, bedding, clothing, furniture, curtains and people.
- Children should not play with or near heating units, and an adult should always be present when a heating unit is in use.
- Chimneys should be inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks or burning wood from escaping the fireplace.
- Use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer with liquid-fueled heaters. Also, burn only wood in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Turn off portable heaters before leaving home.
- Check with your fire department before installing a heating device to make sure that it meets local codes.